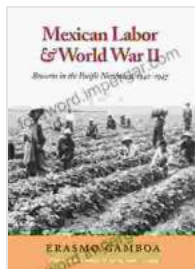


# Unveiling the Hidden History of Braceros in the Pacific Northwest



## Mexican Labor and World War II: Braceros in the Pacific Northwest, 1942-1947 (Columbia Northwest Classics)

by Erasmo Gamboa

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## Columbia Northwest Classics Unveils a Captivating Narrative

Immerse yourself in the untold story of Braceros In The Pacific Northwest 1942-1947, a Columbia Northwest Classics publication that sheds light on a forgotten chapter in American history. Written by award-winning author Patricia Maroday, this captivating book delves into the lives and experiences of Mexican laborers who came to the Pacific Northwest to support the region's agricultural industry during World War II.

**Book cover of Braceros In The Pacific Northwest 1942-1947 with the caption "Unveiling the Hidden History of Mexican Laborers in the Pacific Northwest"]**

**A Labor of Sacrifice and Resilience**

Braceros, meaning "strong arms" in Spanish, were Mexican workers who traveled to the United States as part of a government-sponsored program to address labor shortages during wartime. Between 1942 and 1947, over 200,000 Braceros crossed the border, with a significant number finding employment in the Pacific Northwest's vast fruit orchards, berry fields, and canneries.

Maroday's book paints a vivid picture of the challenges and sacrifices encountered by these Braceros. Despite facing language barriers, discrimination, and often subpar living conditions, they toiled tirelessly to keep the region's food supply running smoothly. Their contributions not only aided the war effort but also played a crucial role in the development of the Pacific Northwest's agricultural economy.

### **Uncovering Personal Stories**

Beyond the historical narrative, *Braceros In The Pacific Northwest 1942-1947* gives a human face to this chapter of history through intimate personal accounts. Maroday interviewed dozens of former Braceros and their family members, capturing their firsthand experiences and shedding light on the lasting impact of their time in the United States.

**A group of Braceros working in a field with the caption "Personal stories reveal the struggles and triumphs of Braceros in the Pacific Northwest"]**

### **A Legacy of Labor Rights Advocacy**

The Bracero program was not without its flaws, and Maroday's book explores the labor rights issues that arose during this period. She examines the efforts of labor unions and activists to improve working conditions for

Braceros and highlights the importance of their advocacy for the rights of all migrant workers.

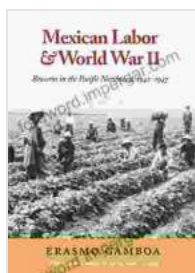
## A Valuable Addition to Historical Literature

For anyone interested in American history, labor relations, or the experiences of immigrants in the United States, *Braceros In The Pacific Northwest 1942-1947* is an essential read. Maroday's meticulous research and engaging storytelling create a comprehensive and empathetic account of a hidden history that deserves to be widely known.

**Patricia Maroday signing a copy of her book with the caption "Award-winning author Patricia Maroday gives a voice to the untold stories of Braceros"]**

## About the Author

Patricia Maroday is an award-winning author and professor emerita of history at the University of Puget Sound. Her research focuses on the history of Mexican Americans in the Pacific Northwest. She has received numerous grants and awards for her work, including the Western History Association's



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